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#### DOWNTOWN BUSINESS HONORS HOLLY HISTORY

HOLLY, MI- Downtown Holly Party Shoppe owners Fay and Jimmy Kasgorgis have recently commissioned local artist Tony Scott Nelson to paint a mural honoring downtown Holly history. The mural, which is a collage of downtown buildings and features based on archival photographs, is located inside the party store at the end of the service counter. Said Mrs. Kasgorgis, "All my life I've studied history, so I know how important it is. I said to my husband, 'We have a store in a historic area and we should do something historical with our renovations.'"

In addition to the mural, Fay and Jimmy have put in all new shelving, replaced the service counter, and painted since buying the business in August of 2008. But Mr. Kasgorgis reports that the biggest renovation involved disposing of large amounts of outdated inventory and replacing it with new. The couple is very proud of the cleanliness of the store. They are also proud of being very vigilant about not selling to minors, saying, "We raised four daughters of our own."

Previously, Jimmy Kasgorgis owned and operated a party store in Dearborn for thirty years. Seeking a more pleasant environment, Mr. Kasgorgis came to Holly and monitored the area for three weeks prior to making an offer to buy the Party Shoppe, making note of the potential clientele. Says Mr. Kasgorgis, "If anything is keeping me here, it is the people." Mrs. Kasgorgis adds, "I work here five days a week and babysit my new grandson two days a week. When I'm not here, I miss the people. We have wonderful customers."